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Applicant: KÜNZEL, et al.  
Title: PACKAGING FOR TABLET-SHAPED OBJECTS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a U.S. National Stage application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371, claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 365 of International Application No. PCT/EP99/08526, filed November 6, 1999, in the European Patent Office, and DE 198 52 936.8, filed November 17, 1998, in the German Patent Office.

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

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--DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

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